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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

JOHNNY L. MAYS,

Plaintiff,

v.

12 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND

13 HEALTH SERVICES, STATE OF

14 WASHINGTON,

Defendant.

No. 4:14-cv-05120-SAB

ORDER DISMISSING PLAINTIFF'S AMENDED **COMPLAINTS WITH PREJUDICE**

In response to the Court's Order Dismissing Plaintiff's Complaint 18 with leave to amend, ECF No. 7, Plaintiff filed two Amended Complaints, 19|| ECF No. 8, 12.

In his complaints, Plaintiff alleges that Defendant violated the 21 provisions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 22 1996 ("HIPPA"). Specifically, he alleges that Defendant failed to provide 23 him access to his medical records and cites to 45 C.F.R. § 164.524(b)(2)(ii).

In its previous Order, the Court instructed Plaintiff that HIPPA does 25 | not provide a private cause of action. This means that Plaintiff, as a private 26 individual, cannot bring a lawsuit that is based on HIPPA violations. As 27 such, it is appropriate to dismiss Plaintiff's complaint.

ORDER DISMISSING PLAINTIFF'S FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT WITH PREJUDICE ~ 1

The allegations contained in the Amended Complaints are the same allegations contained in Plaintiff's original Complaint. The Court declines to grant leave to amend as it has been demonstrated that it will be futile. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 15(a); *Amerisource Bergen Corp. v. Dialysist West, Inc.*, 465 F.3d 946, 951 (9th Cir. 2006) (holding that leave to amend need not be granted where the amendment: (1) prejudices the opposing party; (2) is sought in bad faith; (3) produces an undue delay in litigation; or (4) is futile).

Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

- 1. Plaintiff's Amended Complaint, ECF No. 7, is **dismissed**, with prejudice.
- 2. Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint, ECF No. 12, is **dismissed**, with prejudice.

IT IS SO ORDERED. The District Court Executive is hereby directed to file this Order, provide copies to Plaintiff, and close the file.

DATED this 27th day of April, 2015.



Stanley A. Bastian United States District Judge